*T/N On Valentine's day in Japan, girls give chocolates to guys they like or guys in their workplace (giri choco). One month later, on White day, guys return the favor to the girls they received chocolates from.

Ba-dump
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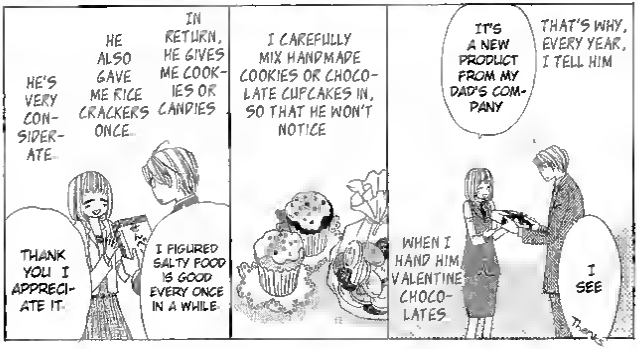
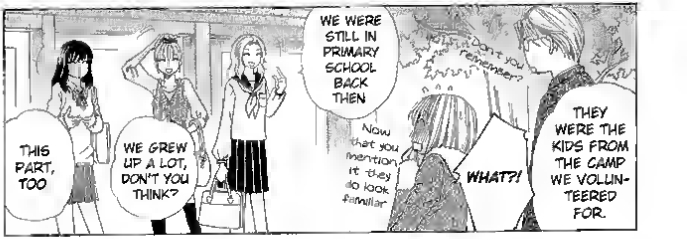
I'M CURRENTLY WAITING FOR HIM TO RETURN THE FAVOR FOR VALENTINE'S DAY
I, MORIMIYA AI, HAVE BEEN IN LOVE WITH ITSUKI-SENPAI FOR SEVEN YEARS NOW
THREE MONTHS BEFORE RITSUKA JOINED SAKURAYA STATION
GO Ai-chan!
Unrequited love expert
-SHORT EXTRA CHAPTER-

AND KINDLY AND DUTIFULLY RETURNS THE FAVOR
BUT ACCEPTS THOSE GIVEN OUT OF COURTESY
NO!
HE FIRMLY REFUSES CHOCOLATES GIVEN OUT OF LOVE
ITSUKI-SENPAI HAS ALWAYS BEEN COOL AND STOIC EVER SINCE OUR UNIVERSITY DAYS


HE'S VERY CONSIDERATE
HE ALSO GAVE ME RICE CRACKERS ONCE
IN RETURN, HE GIVES ME COOKIES OR CANDIES
THANK YOU I APPRECIATE IT
I FIGURED SALTY FOOD IS GOOD EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE
I CAREFULLY MIX HANDMADE COOKIES OR CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES IN, SO THAT HE WON'T NOTICE
IT'S A NEW PRODUCT FROM MY DAD'S COMPANY
THAT'S WHY, EVERY YEAR, I TELL HIM
WHEN I HAND HIM VALENTINE CHOCOLATES
I SEE

HANGING AROUND
I WONDER WHAT HE'LL GIVE ME THIS YEAR
MORI-MIYA.
ARE YOU DONE WITH WORK?
ITSUKI-SENPAI.
YES, I AM!
I SEE.
IF YOU HAVE TIME, DO YOU WANT TO EAT OUT?
WHAT?!
TO RETURN THE FAVOR FOR VALENTINE'S DAY...
IT'LL BE IN A FAMILY RESTAURANT, THOUGH.
I'M SO HAPPY!
SURE!
I'LL GO!

HUH?
W-WHO'RE THESE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS?
DON'T CALL US "GUYS"!
LONG TIME NO SEE, AI-CHAN!
SERIOUSLY?! SO SHE REALLY DID BECOME A POLICEWOMAN
I BROUGHT MORIMIYA WITH ME.
DID YOU GUYS WAIT LONG?
Just the two of us
I DID IT!


THIS PART, TOO
WE GREW UP A LOT, DON'T YOU THINK?
WE WERE STILL IN PRIMARY SCHOOL BACK THEN
Don't you remember?
Now that you mention it they do look familiar
WHAT?!
THEY WERE THE KIDS FROM THE CAMP WE VOLUNTEERED FOR.

SO I'M JUST TAGGING ALONG? IS THAT IT, SENPAI?!
To think I was so happy before
They even came to the office...
WHEN I TOLD THEM I'D GIVE OUT CANDIES TO RETURN THE FAVOR, THEY TOLD ME TO TREAT THEM TO A MEAL INSTEAD
THEY GAVE ME CHOCOLATES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

BUT THOSE THREE WERE WAY TOO FORWARD!
Absolutely not!
Can we visit your apartment next time?
Like I'd tell you
What kind of case are you on right now?
How much do you earn?
SO, THE FIVE OF US WENT OUT TO EAT,
They were still primary school students not too long ago
FARTHEST SEAT

OUR BODIES HAVE REALLY MATURED ALREADY
SHUT UP AND GO STUDY!
They were still primary school students not too long ago.
PLEASE HANG OUT WITH US SOMETIME
NO PROBLEM. THANKS FOR THE TREAT!
Be careful on your way home
AFTER EATING
SORRY FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO WALK YOU TO THE STATION.
I STILL HAVE SOME PENDING WORK LEFT I'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE MYSELF NOW

I DON'T WANT WHITE DAY TO END JUST LIKE THIS!
I SEE
THEN, WE CAN GO BACK TOGETHER
I-
I FORGOT SOMETHING
I ALSO HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE OFFICE
IT'S A LIE

OH...
UMM
YOU TOO, MORIMIYA. BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME

Love you!
Til next time
Bye bye!

OH MY! HE PREPARED SOMETHING FOR ME!
THANK YOU.
YES...
BUT HOW'D YOU KNOW I COOK?
I THOUGHT OF GIVING SALT FROM OKINAWA SINCE YOU COOK, THIS YEAR. YOU CAN USE IT, RIGHT?

IT'S TO RETURN THE FAVOR FOR VALENTINE'S DAY
OH AND MORIMIYA, HERE
THE FAMILY RESTAURANT IS A FIVE MINUTE WALK AWAY FROM THE OFFICE. FOR THAT SPAN OF TIME AT LEAST WE CAN BE ALONE TOGETHER.

ISN'T THAT ALSO CONSIDERED "COOKING"?
YOU ALWAYS GIVE COOKIES OR CUPCAKES EVERY YEAR

MY UNREQUITED LOVE...!!
IS MOST LIKELY TO CONTINUE.
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